

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 590

Designating the second Sunday in December 2006, as “National Children’s Memorial Day” in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Mr. VITTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the second Sunday in December 2006, as “National Children’s Memorial Day” in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting.

Whereas approximately 200,000 infants, children, teenagers, and young adults of families living throughout the United States die each year from a myriad of causes;

Whereas stillbirth, miscarriage, and the death of an infant, child, teenager, or young adult are considered some of the greatest tragedies that a parent or family could ever endure;

Whereas a supportive environment, empathy, and understanding are considered critical factors in the healing process of a family that is coping with and recovering from the loss of a loved one;

Whereas the mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families working towards the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive; and

Whereas the work of local chapters of The Compassionate Friends provides a caring environment in which bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings can work through their grief with the help of others: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the second Sunday in December  
3       2006, as “National Children’s Memorial Day” in  
4       conjunction with The Compassionate Friends World-  
5       wide Candle Lighting;

6               (2) supports the efforts of The Compassionate  
7       Friends to assist and comfort families grieving the  
8       loss of a child; and

9               (3) calls upon the people of the United States  
10       to observe National Children’s Memorial Day with  
11       appropriate ceremonies and activities in remem-  
12       brance of the many infants, children, teenagers, and  
13       young adults of families in the United States who  
14       have died.

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